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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Is re Application of:

HIDAKI OHSHIMA et al.

Application No.: 09/176,274

Filed: October 21, 1998

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for  
response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006 for one month from April 30, 2006 to  
May 31, 2006.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', written over a horizontal line.

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